

Hickman 41
Hannibal 6

Sedalia 27
Mexico 0

Boonville 50
Odessa 27

Helias 18
Waynesville 6

Fulton 28
Rock Bridge 0

In town today

Noon Fall Fun Day, Lee School.
9 a.m. Fund-raising bike-a-
thon, Cosmos Park.

Exhibits

Continuing: Columbia Public Library, Acrylics by Evelyn Jorgenson, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.; Columbia Gallery of Photography, photographs by Ansel Adams, 11 a.m. to 3 p.m.; Columbia College Art Center Gallery, oil paintings and watercolors by Frank Stack, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.; Stephens College Student Art Gallery, painting, sculpture, photography, ceramics and glass works, 1 to 5 p.m.; Kirtley Library, Columbia College, floor plans, pencil sketches, watercolors and perspectives by Marianne Clough, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

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Caution marks final debate

Rubber-match begins home-stretch race

WILLIAMSBURG, Va. (UPI) — Pledging a clean, high-toned campaign for the rest of the way, President Ford and Jimmy Carter closed out their debates with kid-glove handling of some touchy issues Friday and kicked the presidential race into its home stretch.

Only on the last question did the two candidates start to get abrasive, Carter saying Ford should be "ashamed" of his record on the economy and Ford claiming Democratic presidents held down unemployment because the nation was often at war.

The candidates met for the third and last time in the Phi Beta Kappa Hall of William and Mary College in a rubber-match debate neither could afford to lose because of its assumed impact on millions of undecided voters.

Until the last minute or so, with a bit of gentlemanly jousting here and there, they seemed determined to make this a cautious affair without sensations — even helping each other over some personal rough spots.

Carter, early on, admitted his Playboy interview on morality was "a mistake" he rued and would not make again. Ford passed up the chance to jump on that in reply and turned instead to a general criticism of the morality of Congress.

Ford, in turn, insisted he acted on his own and not under pressure of the Nixon White House when he helped quash an early congressional investigation of Watergate. "I think that matter is closed once and for all," he said, and Carter let it go, shaking his head when called upon for comment and saying, "I have no response."

On other issues, Carter again accused Ford of presiding over the worst

recession since Herbert Hoover's administration, pledged he would make unemployment his top target, said he could not support a constitutional amendment banning abortion and refused to commit the nation to go to war with the Soviets in "the unlikely event" they invaded Yugoslavia.

Ford said the current slowdown in economic growth is only a temporary "pause," claimed all economists support his view production will surge again in a few months, said he favors a states' rights constitutional amendment on abortion and implied he might fight for Yugoslavia, saying, "It's unwise for a President to signal in advance what options he'd exercise if a crisis arose."

A poll for Public Broadcasting by the Roper organization showed that 40 per cent of the 353 persons questioned believed Carter won the final debate, while 29 per cent felt Ford was the winner. The rest, 31 per cent, felt it was a draw.

The sparks really flew, however, only at the last minute when a questioner raised the subject that might be pivotal to the election — the state of the economy, suggesting Ford's record was "rotten" in this area.

The President bridled, said he "violently" disagreed and tucked off the first statistics of the debate to support his point that "the United States is leading the Free World out of the recession."

He said recent figures showing that economic growth was stalled at 4 per cent merely reflected "a pause" after periods of heavy growth, said his administration had added 4 million jobs "since the depths of the Depression" and claimed consumers have un-



President Ford listens intently as Democratic presidential contender Jimmy Carter tries to hammer home a point during the last of three nationally televised debates. This year's presi-



dential debates were the first between candidates of the two major parties since the 1960 Kennedy-Nixon campaign. (UPI telephotos)

paralleled confidence "in the strength of the economy."

"With all due respect to President Ford, I think he ought to be ashamed of making that statement," Carter retorted — and he laughed, as though surprised by his own counterpunch. "Anyone who thinks inflation is under

control ought to talk to a housewife."

Looking alternately at Ford and his questioner, Carter said 7.5 million people are now out of work while inflation is now "three times what it was" under Presidents John Kennedy and Lyndon Johnson.

He said such statements reflected

Ford's "callous indifference" to the economic problem.

Ford fired back at his first chance, saying Carter's dwindling lead in the polls in recent weeks "reflects that Gov. Carter is inconsistent in many of

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Abortion repayment ban unconstitutional

N. Y. Times Service

NEW YORK — A federal judge held Friday that a federal ban on Medicaid reimbursement for women having abortions was unconstitutional.

The ruling by Judge John F. Dooling Jr. killed the so-called Hyde Amendment to the \$56 billion Social Services bill which became law Sept. 30 when Congress overrode President Ford's veto. The Hyde Amendment bans Medicaid reimbursement for all abortions except those carried out to save the life of the mother. Other abortions for which compensation is

approved are those resulting from rape or incest.

Judge Dooling's decision came a day after a federal judge in Washington D. C., John J. Sirica, had refused to overturn the federal ban.

Despite the Washington ruling, Dooling said his decision would have the effect of nullifying the Hyde Amendment in all 50 states.

Sirica emphasized that he was not ruling on the constitutional merits of the new law, but that he had decided that opponents had failed to show that either Virginia or the District of Columbia would cease paying for

abortions out of their own funds under the terms of their own laws.

The same argument had been made by federal lawyers before Dooling in Brooklyn. They had contended that the federal statute did not oppose abortions and that New York State law provided for state reimbursement.

This argument, Dooling said in his 29-page opinion, "overlooks the essential nature of the Medicaid legislation. The state and federal governments," he declared, "are linked in a fiscal partnership to provide for medical assistance to the needy."

The judge added that "the needy are

citizens no less of the United States than of the states of their residence." And he said the federal government was a "representative government discharging through state agencies its responsibilities to provide from the public revenues for its own needy in the states of their residence."

Turning to the government's arguments that the state or private charities could find the funds to pay for the abortion services, Dooling held that "an unconstitutional action is not made tolerable by the consideration that others may make up for the harms inflicted by the unconstitutional

default."

Noting that indigent women were denied no other medical assistance, and that they were "undeniably entitled to medical assistance in their pregnancies," Dooling said that the Hyde Amendment would deny them reimbursement only if they elected to terminate their pregnancies.

Others, he added, who have the means to pay for medical services are free to exercise their constitutional right to end their pregnancies, but the needy would, by this statute, be denied the means to exercise their constitutional right.

Designers complete Guitar Square plan

By Jeff Rabin
Missourian staff writer

After listening to public comment for three days, designers have completed a preliminary plan for the development of Guitar Square.

The plan includes a pedestrian walkway, a small park and a bus transfer point. The square will be located in the block that contains the County-City Building.

The alley between the County-City Building and the Farm and Home Savings Association, 725 E. Broadway, originally was named Guitar Street and was the site of the first studio of noted artist George Caleb Bingham.

In this year's budget the City Council allocated \$140,000 for acquisition and development of the area.

City officials told the design firm, General Design Partnership of Greenville, Ill., that adequate parking, a bus transfer point and a "view corridor" from Broadway to the Boone County Courthouse had to be included in the proposal, said Rob Taylor, a designer-planner for the firm.

A one solution to the parking problem, a double-deck parking lot behind the

County-City Building, was rejected, said Michael Jackson, an architect with the firm.

Part of the parking lot at Walnut and Seventh streets will be turned into a bus transfer point with space for 11 buses. The city required the area to be large enough to include future expansion of

A 'vest-pocket park' off Broadway will have benches and a reflecting pool. The rest of the square will be landscaped

the bus system, he said. Part of the lost parking spaces will be made up by having additional on-street spaces once the buses move from the present transfer point at Ninth Street and Broadway.

A "vest-pocket park" will be developed off Broadway next to the

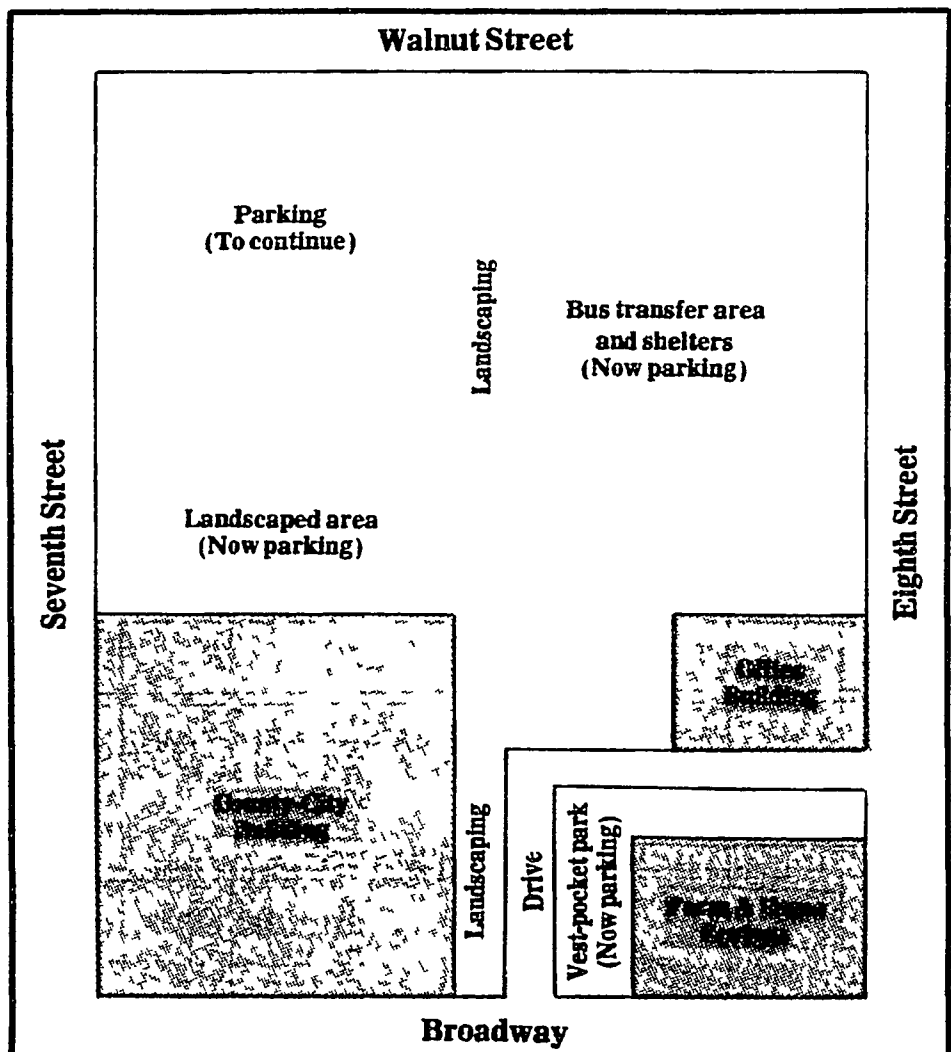
savings association, Jackson said. This mini-park will contain benches and a reflecting pool.

The rest of the square will be a pedestrian walkway, with landscaping, benches and pedestrian lighting. If the city gets more money in the future, Jackson said, it will be able to convert some of the landscaped areas into recreational facilities.

Bob Waits, a partner in the firm, said the reason for coming to Columbia was to develop design standards for the central business district. These standards, he said, consist of drawings of various types of "street furniture" from which storeowners and city officials can choose benches, canopies and lighting for Broadway.

Assistant City Manager Charles Hargrove said the firm will return to Columbia in about three weeks with definite proposals and a presentation. At that time public meetings will be set up with various civic groups to get their reactions, he said.

After the hearings the City Council will have to pass an ordinance approving the plan, he said. By March 1, the city hopes to seek bids for work on the square, he said.



Here is a sketch of the proposed development of Guitar Square and the rest of the block bounded by Broadway and Walnut, Seventh and Eighth streets. (Missourian map)



Voters' guide to appear

Sunday's edition of the Columbia Missourian will contain a 12-page Voters' Guide prepared in cooperation with the League of Women Voters.

The guide contains profiles of the candidates and their responses to questions posed by the league.

The guide also contains a list of polling places in Boone County for Tuesday's election.